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SUBJECT: BRITISH REACTION TO ICELANDIC REJECTION OF
COMPROMISE ON FISHERIES DISPUTE

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1. ALL LONDON PAPERS TODAY (SEPTEMBER 28) CARRIED
DETAILED ACCOUNTS OF PRIME MINISTER HEATH'S PROPOSAL TO
ICELAND FOR WAY OUT OF UK/ICELAND FISHERIES DISPUTE.
WIGGIN TOLD US TODAY FOREIGN OFFICE THOUGHT THEY HAD NO
OPTION BUT TO RELEASE LAST NIGHT FULL DETAILS BRITISH
OFFER AFTER SUMMARY PUBLIC REJECTION OF PROPOSAL BY
ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT. PRIME MINISTER HAD PERSONALLY
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2. ACCORDING TO WIGGIN, BRITISH HAVE NO FRESH IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO SEEK ACCOMMODATION WITH ICELAND. HOWEVER, OFFICIAL LEVEL VIEW IS THAT BRITISH SHOULD GO BACK TO ICELANDERS AND REITERATE PROPOSAL, URGING THAT GOI RECONSIDER IT. WHETHER BRITISH WILL DO SO DEPENDS ON DECISION BY PRIME MINISTER.

3. WIGGIN TOLD US THAT LUNS IS STILL ACTIVELY CONSIDERING PROPOSING TO UK AND ICELAND VARIOUS IDEAS, INCLUDING "WISE MEN" EXERCISE OR APPOINTMENT OF IMPARTIAL MEDIATOR.

4. WIGGIN CLEARLY WAS DISCOURAGED ALTHOUGH HE INDICATED THAT FCO HAD NOT BEEN OPTIMISTIC THAT HEATH PROPOSAL WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY GOI. HE STRESSED THAT BRITISH PROPOSAL WAS AS FAR AS BRITISH COULD GO, ADDING THAT IN LIGHT OF ICELANDIC REJECTION OF BRITISH PROPOSAL ANY UNILATERAL WITHDRAWAL OF FRIGATES BY BRITISH WITHOUT AT LEAST SOME KIND OF PRIVATE ASSURANCE FROM GOI OF NO HARASSMENT OF TRAWLERS WAS SIMPLY OUT OF THE QUESTION.

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